



PRE-COLLECTION PROCESS



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The following steps are the standardized procedures for the chain of custody, collection and submission of urine specimens to the toxicology laboratory. These procedures will be taught and followed for all training courses.



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- ❖ Commander will receive a packet from the SAPC to include the following:
 - Master List of personnel to be tested
 - DD Form 2624
 - Ledger
 - Label



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Master List for Donor Notifications

01/31/2001

Tests scheduled between 01/01/2000 and 01/31/2000

UIC	DONOR NAME	DONOR ID	SEX	POOL GROUP	TYPE	TEST FOR	EXTRA TESTS	SUPERVISOR	PHONE#	CLTR
<i>Pennsylvania Army National Guard</i>										
8BWAA	BAILEY, BILL	555441111		101	RAN	D	N			
	FLINTSTONE, FRED	333224444		101	RAN	D	N			
	FROST, JACK	222334411		101	RAN	D	N			
	OAK, DALE	333221234		101	RAN	D	N			
	PENNSATE, JOPA	667779999		101	RAN	D	N			
	SALAD, JOE	789123456		101	RAN	D	N			
	STEELE, COAL	123456789		101	RAN	D	N			
	TENTPEG, JOSEPH	987654321		101	RAN	D	N			



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SPECIMEN CUSTODY DOCUMENT - DRUG TESTING						A. LABORATORY CONDUCTING DRUG TESTING		
1. SUBMITTING UNIT HQ STARC		2. ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION (Second Echelon) Pennsylvania Army National Guard 1SG Ervin D. Steinly, Jr. (717) 861-8396 Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs, ATTN: Annville, PA 17003-5002				Tripler Army Medical Center MCHK FT (808) 433-5176 Forensic Toxicology Drug Test Lab., Bldg. 40 2nd Tripler AMC, HI 96859		
3. BASE / AREA CODE N G 4 0		4. UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE W 8 B W A A		5. DOCUMENT / BATCH NUMBER X 0 0 1	6. DATE SPECIMEN COLLECTED (YYYY) (MM) (DD)		B. BATCH NUMBER	C. REPORT OF RESULT (DTG / Serial No.)
7. SPECIMEN NUMBER						D. DRUGS TESTED		
8. COMPLETE SSN		9. TEST BASIS	10. TEST INFORMATION	11. PRESCREEN	E. DISC CODE	F. ACCESSION NUMBER		G. RESULT
001 555-44-1111		IR	A					
002 333-22-4444		IR	A					
003 222-33-4411		IR	A					
004 333-22-1234		IR	A					
005 667-77-9999		IR	A					
006 789-12-3456		IR	A					
007 123-45-6789		IR	A					
008 987-65-4321		IR	A					
H. CERTIFICATION. I certify that I am a laboratory official, that the laboratory results indicated on this form were correctly determined by proper laboratory procedures, and they are correctly annotated.						(3) CERTIFYING OFFICIAL (Printed Name and Title)		
(1) SIGNATURE				(2) DATE SIGNED				



Drug Testing Program Testing Register

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Test Basis Batch Number Specimen Number

SSN

Date (YYYYMMDD)

STATE: NG__

UPL _____

SM _____

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❖ Inspection of Latrine

- DTPAM/UPL checks the latrine before the collection starts
- Remove all cleaning agents from the area
 - ❖ Cleansing powders
 - ❖ Bleaches



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- Paper towels are available
- Hand soap is available after their collection is completed
- Place "OFF LIMITS" sign on latrine for non-testing personnel



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❖ Holding Area

- NCO or Officer, E-5 or above to supervise the holding area until collection process is completed
- Personnel called out while in formation for testing will immediately proceed directly to the holding area



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- Individuals not in formation or need transportation to the test site will report within 1 hour
- Non-testing personnel are barred from the holding area.
- Water will be supplied at the holding area.
- Donors should initially drink three 8 oz glasses of warm water, then one every half hour



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- No personnel are allowed to leave the holding area alone until they have donated an acceptable sample
- Exceptional cases may leave with an escort and permission from the 1SG or CDR/CC for a brief period



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❖ DTPAM/UPL Station

- Should set up his/her table in a non-carpeted area with his/her back to a wall.
- May be the same area as holding area
- Should have a table with sufficient space to perform assigned duties



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❖ Selection of Observers

➤ Criteria for Observers:

- ❖ Selected by CDR/CC
- ❖ Officer or NCO, E-5 or above (E4 with JAG approval)
- ❖ Possesses sufficient maturity and integrity to preserve the dignity of the service member being observed



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- ❖ Not be currently enrolled within a Rehabilitation Program or currently be under investigation for any substance abuse related offense



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❖ Briefings

- Commander briefs squadron/unit. This can be in conjunction with the commander selecting the personnel to be tested
- DTPAM/UPL briefs selected personnel on:
 - ❖ UPL/DTPAM responsibilities
 - ❖ Member responsibilities



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➤ DTPAM/UPL briefs observers

- Every time !!!
- Discussion
- Demonstration
- Observer Statement
(read, understand &
sign)
- UCMJ or State Code of
Military Justice Actions

MEMORANDUM FOR OBSERVERS

SUBJECT: Responsibilities of Observers During Drug Testing

General:

1. Observers are a critical link in the process of collecting urine specimens to be tested for substance abuse. Instances have occurred in the past where observers did not follow proper collection procedures and positive drug tests were not usable in legal and/or administrative actions. In order to prevent similar occurrences in the future, the observer will read and sign this Memorandum for Record.

2. The testing procedures do not violate a soldier's Fourth or Fifth Amendment rights, nor does the observation procedure violate the right to privacy. A refusal to produce a specimen is a violation of a direct order and may result in the soldier being processed for separation.

3. The results of tests may be used in legal proceedings and consequently the urine sample may be considered as evidence. A valid chain of custody is mandatory for a successful prosecution. As an observer, you may be asked to provide testimony at legal or administrative proceedings. You may be subject to UCMJ or administrative action if it is discovered that the specimen was altered in any way while it was under your control.

Criteria for Observers:

1. Be an Officer or NCO in the rank of E-5 or above.
2. Be of the same gender as the soldier being tested.
3. Possess sufficient maturity and integrity to preserve the dignity of the soldier being observed.
4. Not be currently enrolled within the ADAPCP Rehabilitation Program or currently be under investigation for any substance abuse related offenses.

Responsibilities: As outlined in AR 600-85, an observer must follow protocol during urinalysis collection procedures.

Once assigned to a specific soldier:

1. Observer controls the urine collection process at all times.
2. Maintains visual contact with the bottle at all times.
3. Ensures the soldier washes his/her hands with water only.
4. Ensures that the specimen provided is not contaminated or altered.

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5. Directly observes the soldier (one soldier at a time per observer) voiding urine into the specimen bottle.
6. Ensures direct observation of the flow of urine from the soldier's body into the bottle.
7. Supervises the soldier tightly capping the bottle.
8. Ensures the bottle is not reopened after the cap is tightened.
9. Escorts the soldier back to the UPL station/able with bottle in full view.
10. Observes the UPL placing tamper evident tape over the top of the bottle, and across the label. Not to cover printed information.
11. Observes the UPL place the specimen in the collection box.
12. The observer will sign the unit ledger in front of the UPL and soldier verifying the collection process and direct observation was conducted.

OBSERVER AFFIDAVIT: I have read and understand this document. I will comply with the responsibilities as stated above and will report anything out of the ordinary immediately to the UPL or Commander.

Observer's Printed Name _____ Observer's Signature _____ Date _____

UPL's Printed Name _____ UPL's Signature _____ Date _____



MALE SPECIFICS



- ❖ Observer stands next or at 45 ° angle
- ❖ Observer should ensure that he can see the end of the donor's penis.
- ❖ Circumcision: Foreskin must be pulled back to allow direct view, prevent attempts of tampering, and assist in "aiming"





FEMALE SPECIFICS



- ❖ Consider lifting Toilet Seat
- ❖ Donor cannot sit down – must squat
- ❖ Keep upper body straight – cannot bend over to block view with body or hair
- ❖ PTs/Shirt must be held up or could be tucked into bra
- ❖ Collection Cup must be held from the front
- ❖ Must not go below the toilet rim
- ❖ Observer must bend down or kneel to see
- ❖ Pouring from cup into bottle must be observed





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- ❖ Service members selected for testing and present for duty WILL provide a specimen
- ❖ Excusing ANYONE could invalidate the collection process



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❖ Excuses:

- “I’m Pregnant.”
- “I’m on my period.”
- “I’m taking medication that turns my pee orange (blue).”
- “I’m taking prescription medication.”
- “I want to self refer myself, I have a problem.”



Questions?